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SUBJECT: ARGENTINA SELLS BEEF TO POLAND

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1. RELIABLE SOURCE INFORMED AGATT THAT POLAND HAS JUST PURCHASED 10,000 TONS OF ARGENTINE BEEF AT SURPRISINGLY HIGH PRICES. ONE FRIGORIFICE REPORTS THAT IT SOLD BONELESS FOREQUARTERS AT \$1,150 PER TON AND BONELESS BULL MEAT AT \$1,140 PER TON AND PRESUMES THAT OTHER PLANTS SOLD AT AROUND SAME PRICE LEVELS. THESE PRICES SAID TO BE UP 10 PERCENT OVER OFFERS OF JUST TWO WEEKS AGO. SHIPMENT TO BE OVER NEXT THREE MONTHS.

2. POLAND ALSO DESIRED TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL 10,000 TONS FOR SLIGHTLY FARTHER FORWARD SHIPMENT, BUT ARGENTINE FRIGORIFICOS UNWILLING TO WRITE FIXED PRICE CONTRACT FOR MORE THAN THREE MONTHS.
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